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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
RESS-LOESCHKE et al.

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International Application
PCT/EP 99/07679

Filed: October 13, 1999

For: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING CHIRAL CARBOXYLIC ACIDS FROM NITRILES
USING A NITRILASE OR MICROORGANISMS WHICH COMPRISE A GENE
FOR THE NITRILASEPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

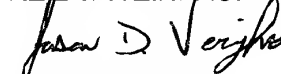
Amend the claims as shown in the attached sheets.

REMARKSThe claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in
better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included. A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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